

Sl. No.	District	Targets (Nos)	Disburse- ments by banks (Nos)	Target (Nos)	Disburse- ments by banks (Nos)	Target (Nos)	Disburse- ments by banks (Nos)
28.	Bhandara	1100	442	1100	348	1250	233
29.	Chandrapur	950	475	950	301	1100	183
30.	Gadchiroli	350	89	250	119	250	34
	MAHARASHTRA	42600	24836	42500	19677	43600	18139

Request for inclusion of Orissa in Special Category List

2762. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Orissa Government has requested the Central Government to include Orissa in the list of special category states; and

(b) whether the Central Government would consider and declare Orissa as special category state considering the backwardness of state and after the devastation of last super cyclone?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION, ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The issue of declaring Orissa as a Special category State is to be examined in the context of Gadgil formula which is the basis of inter-State allocation of Central Plan Assistance. The Planning Commission is in the process of examining the suggestions received from Chief Ministers regarding further revision of the formula. A final decision would be taken after consideration by NDC.

Strategy of 'Core Plan'

2763. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission had adopted a new strategy of 'Core Plan' to ensure that the funds allocated for States annual plan are not diverted;

(b) if so, the details of the action plan and whether the accountability of funds would be sought from each of the state Government; and

(c) if so, to what extent the steps taken by the Planning Commission are going to check illegal diversion of funds by State Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION, ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) In order to reduce gaps between Plan outlays fixed and actual expenditures, the cooperation of State Governments has been sought during the Plan discussions to fix the Annual Plan size for 2000-2001 more realistically taking into consideration (i) the trend of aggregate, actual resource mobilization for the plan of the State over the first three years of the Ninth Plan, and (ii) a realistic estimate of resources available for financing the Plan. Since most of the states budgeted a relatively higher Plan size for the Annual Plan 2000-2001 prior to the holding of Annual Plan discussions, a more realistic Plan size based on identifiable resources that was finally agreed upon has been termed as a 'Core plan'. The States for which Annual Plan discussions have been completed have generally appreciated the approach.

(b) Accountability of funds is sought from the State Governments by way of audit reports of the expenditure of State Governments. Comptroller and Auditor General of India regularly audits the expenditures of State Governments and this is a Constitutional mechanism for bringing about accountability for the utilization of funds.

(c) While Normal Central Plan Assistance is given en bloc to the States in accordance with well-established formulae, in the case of certain important sectors like basic minimum services the approved Plan outlays are earmarked. States cannot divert earmarked outlays without prior approval of the Commission. Further, the progress of implementation of State Plans is reviewed at the time of Annual Plan discussions in the Planning Commission. Various Central Ministries/

Deptts. Of GOI also monitor implementation of State Plan schemes concerning them to ensure that funds are utilized for the purposes for which they have been given.

Establishment of Micro Enterprise Development Centre at Guwahati

2764. DR. (SHRIMATI) JOYASREE GOSWAMI MAHANTA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a scheme for establishment of a Micro Enterprise Development Centre at Guwahati under aegis of NEITCO was recommended by the Home Ministry for implementation during Ninth Plan; and

(b) if so, implementation status of the scheme, total outlay, allocation already made, target set and benefits to be derived?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION, ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. The Ministry of Home Affairs have forwarded a proposal for establishment of Micro Enterprise Development Centre at Guwahati under the aegis of NEITCO for implementation during the Ninth Plan. The proposal has been examined. It could not be supported as a number of organisations are already engaged in identical activities for the promotion and development of entrepreneurship in the North-Eastern Region.

Methodology for Annual Plan for States

2765. SHRI S. RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the concept and methodology adopted for the Annual Plan Outlay for the States;

(b) the Plan Outlay for the years 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 State-wise; and